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A time comes when every industry has to face unpredictable circumstances making its production management difficult. Such a time has come for *Star of Mysore* now because of the Coronavirus pandemic lockdown.

Star of Mysore is a unique newspaper in India, both in its size as a tabloid and also as the only home-delivered evening English newspaper. For a good 43 years, it has been an iconic newspaper of Mysuru city.

Now, this COVID-19 lockdown has led to insurmountable challenges from newsprint suppliers, vendors, paper distributors and even staff attendance.

For these reasons, the management of *Star of Mysore* has decided to temporarily stop the print edition of *Star of Mysore* from Monday, 13th April, 2020 until the present situation favourably unfolds.

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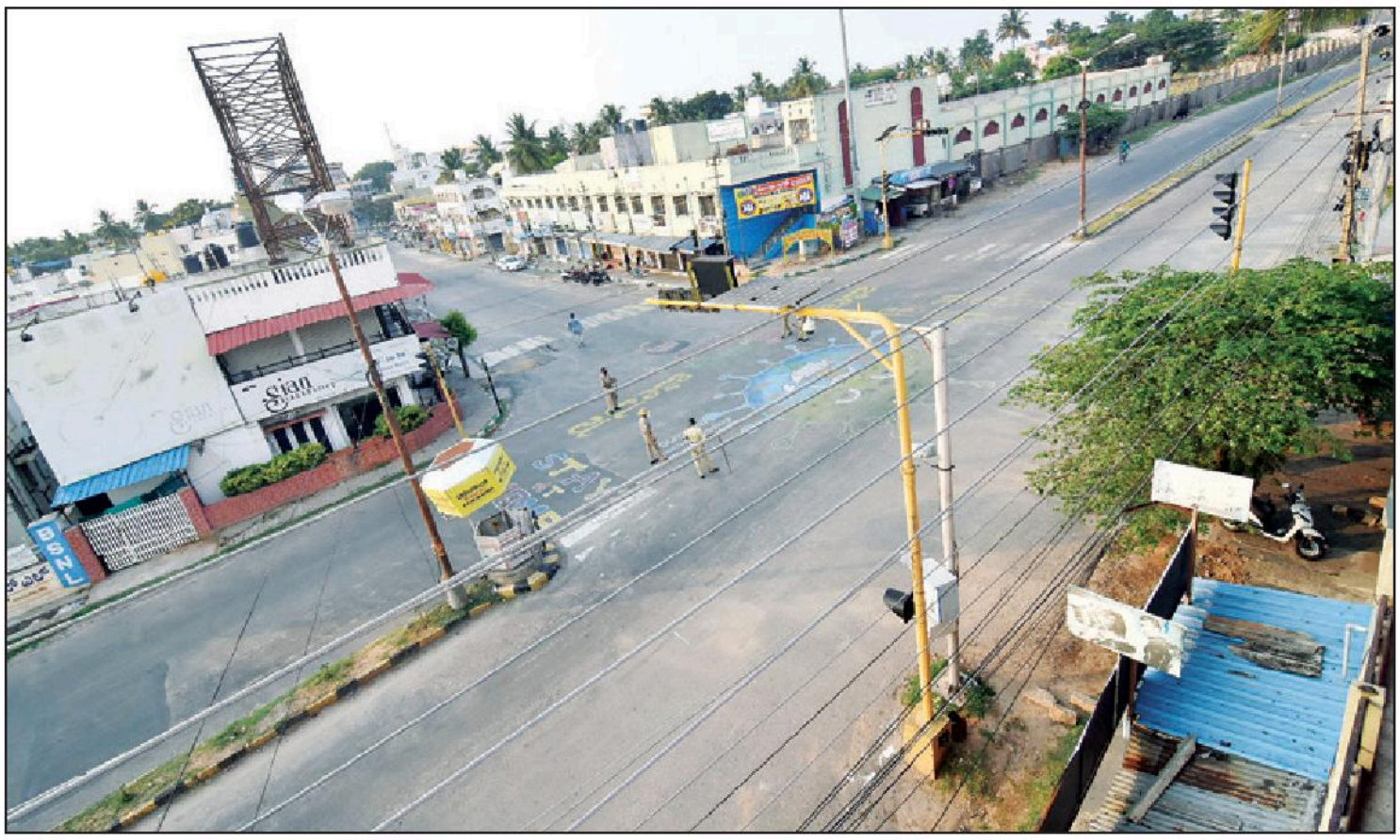
Lockdown till April 30

Regulations to be relaxed in Coronavirus-free districts



An aerial view of the ever-busy Mahadevapura Road at Udayagiri junction, Mysuru, wearing a deserted look due to lockdown. *[Pic. by M.N. Lakshminarayana Yadav]*

Bengaluru, Apr.12 (KMS & DM)- Ending the suspense over extension of the 21-day lockdown in Karnataka, Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa yesterday said that the lockdown will be extended till April 30.

Speaking to presspersons after Prime Minister Narendra Modi held a video-conference with all Chief Ministers of the State yesterday, Yediyurappa said that the Union Government will frame guidelines regarding the extended lockdown.

Pointing out that the Government will consider relaxation of regulations in Coronavirus-free districts, the CM said that the Government is mulling on allowing public transport services in these districts subject to certain conditions.

Regarding the PM's video-conferencing with Chief Ministers, he said that the discussions went on for four hours, during which PM Narendra Modi gave some tips on the measures to be taken to stop the spread of the virus and also asked to be alert to see that the spread does not reach the stage of community transmission.

Hinting at partial opening of Government Offices in Corona-free districts, he assured that there will be no hindrance for farming activities while transport of essential commodities, ration and medicines will be allowed.

Reiterating that the lockdown regulations will be further tightened based on the Centre's guidelines, including sealing off the hotspots, he said that the PM has asked the States to take stern action against those assaulting Doctors, other medical staff and Corona Warriors. The PM also directed the States to give more importance for 'Aarogya Setu' mobile App and to ensure that prices of essential commodities do not spike due to hoarding and black-marketing.

Seven more patients discharged from Mysuru COVID Hospital today

Total active cases in District comes down to 39 with 1 addition today; 2 were discharged earlier

Mysuru, Apr.12 (RK&DM)- Even as the District Administration is battling to prevent the spread of deadly COVID-19 in Mysuru District, which has the second highest number of infections in the State after Bengaluru, seven patients, who had tested positive for the virus and were undergoing treatment at the New District Hospital on KRS Road in city, the designated COVID-19 Hospital, were discharged today. The discharge comes as a silver lining for the District Administration and the public alike.

The District until Saturday had reported 47 COVID-19 active cases, out of which two were discharged on two different days earlier. With the discharge of seven patients today, the total number of Corona positive patients discharged till date stands at 9, thus bringing down the number of patients to 39 with one case reported today.

Out of the seven patients discharged today, six are Jubilant Generics-related patients and one is a foreign returnee. The seven were discharged after full recovery and as per Medical Protocol and Procedures, according to District Health Officer (DHO) Dr. R. Venkatesh.

Patients' feedback

After getting discharged from Hospital, one of the patients said that he was thankful to the doctors, Nurses and House-Keeping staff for their care during his stay in the Hospital.

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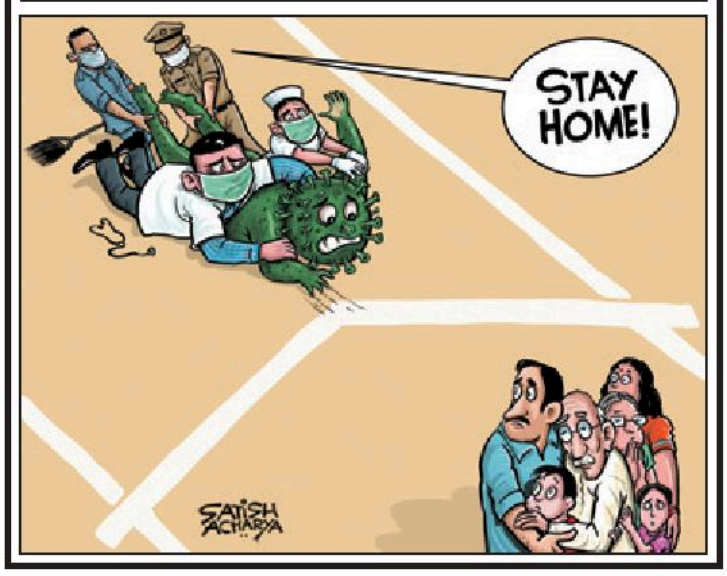
STAR PUNCH By Satish Acharya



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PM alters lockdown tactic

Union Ministers back in offices from tomorrow

New Delhi, Apr. 12- The Council of Ministers, headed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi and including Amit Shah, Rajnath Singh and Nirmala Sitharaman, will resume work at their Ministries tomorrow (Apr.13), a day before the end of the lockdown to contain the spread of the novel Coronavirus, sources said last evening.

Senior officials entitled to official transports — from the rank of Joint Secretary and above — will report in as usual, sources said, adding that a third of all essential staff had to be present. Junior officials will continue to work on rotation basis. Each Ministry has also been told to plan for post-lockdown and come up with ideas to kick-start the economy.

The PM has urged that social distancing protocols be followed.

Narendra Modi

The move to resume work in Ministries comes nearly a month after the Centre issued work from home protocols and is in line with the Centre's change in strategy to deal with the COVID-19 crisis — to one that emphasises both protection of lives and the economy.

Earlier on Saturday, the PM indicated a two-week extension to the current lockdown; this was after a four-hour video conference with 13 Chief Ministers to debate the issue.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

TO HELP MAKE INDIA GARBAGE-FREE, WE NEED TO PUT A RUPEE VALUE ON RUBBISH: ***It was like a Christmas greeting card come to life. All around me was a white blanket of snow. Snow was everywhere, on the branches of pine trees, on the roofs of huts and cottages. I was at Sela, in Arunachal, which is 13,680 feet above sea level, and was covered with snow in the middle of March. Visitors threw snowballs at each other in cheerful play. It was a festive scene. Except for one thing. The pristine whiteness of the hillsides was marred by an ugly rash of strewn garbage. Discarded plastic water bottles, tin cans of soft drinks, foil wrappers of snacks and pan masala. The litter left behind by people was made even more offensive in contrast with the natural beauty of the surroundings, like a disfiguring scar on a lovely face. From Kashmir to Kanyakumari, our beautiful country is littered with throwaway plastic and other litter. And the saddest part of it is that it is often the most scenic of spots, which attract the most sightseers, that are the worst affected. Why can't we stop literally rubbishing India? We can. By educating people not to litter. But that's a long-term process. In the meantime, there are a couple of things we can do. In an extension of Swachh Bharat, municipal bodies should recruit unemployed, or underemployed, youth — of which there are all too many — to go on a garbage hunt, collecting litter and depositing it at a central collection point and being paid for their labour at a fixed rate of so much per kilo of rubbish they bring in. The money for this could come from the discretionary fund which all MPs have, and which is often underutilised.***

— Jug Suraiya in The Times of India

NEWS SPARKLERS

18-year-old boy cosplaying as a schoolgirl

Tokyo: Japanese men mastering the art of makeup and photo-manipulation to pose as girls seems to be a current trend in the land of the rising sun these days... Puutan, whose real name is reportedly 'Tatsuya.' is a Japanese 18-year-old boy who has been posing as a schoolgirl online and messing with people's minds. Looking at Puutan's Instagram profile, it's virtually impossible to tell that he is a man. He genuinely looks like an Asian schoolgirl and no matter how much one squint at the photos, they not going to spot any clues of his real gender.

But click on his YouTube link and one will be shocked to find another person entirely. He still has girly clothes on as well as long hair , but one can sort of tell that he's just a guy in drag.

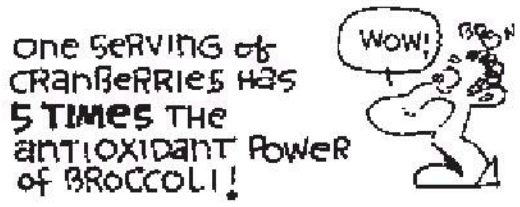
Russian family tries to escape Corona living in the woods

Moscow: A family of five from Russia's Sverdlovsk region took social distancing recommendations to the extreme by self-isolating in a forest away from the nearest human settlement. On April 6, Sverdlovsk Police received a phone call from a woman in the village of Krasnogvardeisky who claimed that her brother had taken his wife and three children ages four, eight and ten years into a nearby forest to escape the threat of Coronavirus infection.

The family had left the village a day before and hand't been in touch since, so the woman was worried about their well-being, especially the young children. After organising a search-party, Police found the family living in the forest. Asked what they were doing in the woods with children, the 33-year-old head of the family told police that they had fled their home in order to avoid getting infected with Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19).

HEALTH CAPSULE
by Bron Smith

Why should I eat cranberries?



Animal studies have shown that cranberry extract, juice and dried cranberries prevent harmful bacteria from becoming attached to the walls of the stomach and intestines, thereby reducing the risk of infection. Cranberries are also effective in eliminating H. Pylori from the stomach lining.

**Health Capsules is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature.*

DFRL hands over 6,500 ready-to-eat meals to MCC

Mysuru, Apr. 12- Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) - Defence Food Research Laboratory (DFRL), Mysuru, has supplied 6,500 ready-to-eat meals to Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) to be distributed among labourers and daily wagers who are facing severe hardship due to nationwide lockdown.

The products, including Khichidi, Tomato Rice, White Rice with Dal Fry along with ready-to-drink Lemon Juice, were handed over by Dr. Anil Dutt Semwal, Director, DFRL to N.M. Shashikumar, Additional Commissioner, MCC, in the premises of Jayamma Govindegowda Kalyana Mantapa in Kuvempuanagar. Dr. M.M. Parida, Associate Director, Dr. N. Gopalan, Additional Director and Dr. R. Kumar, Additional Director, were present.

All products were prepared and processed by following strict hygienic conditions, packed in multi-layer retort packaging materials. The products are commercially sterile; the shelf life of the products is one year under ambient conditions, according to a press release.

Really...?

- ***Broccoli contains more protein than steak:*** *Aside from the usual nutrition one garners from eating veggies, broccoli in general has a great deal of protein. Calorie for calorie, there is more protein in broccoli than steak. Since it doesn't come with all those saturated and trans fats or cholesterol, you can get all the protein you need with a significantly lower risk of cardiovascular disease. Pumpkin seeds are also a good choice as they have more protein than a similar amount of ground beef.*

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

A man was driving the car very fast and the Traffic Police caught him...
Man: *Sir, I am learning driving.*
Police: *Without a teacher?*
Man: *Yaa, I am from IIN...!*
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1 US Dollar	= Rs. 76.18
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 94.82
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 20.74
1 Euro	= Rs. 83.30

VOICE OF THE READER

Our gratitude to selfless service of frontline warriors

Sir,

Coronavirus (COVID-19) is the topic of discussion in the media and amongst the people — outside and inside the houses. The crisis created by this virus is very alarming and the number of cases is increasing day by day.

World Health Organisation (WHO) Director-General, Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus gave the name to this virus COVID-19 [Co - for Corona, Vi - for Virus, D - for Disease and the year - 2019].

Our Indian Government has taken a quick action to face the onset of Corona Pandemic so India is better prepared. According to WHO Chief, India is following the right strategy and our testing facility is scientific and robust.

India decided to press the panic button of the wide scale lockdown before the condition went out of control. To contain the spread of virus, social distancing and staying home is the only answer. People should follow the rules and be disciplined with dedication. This step is of fundamental importance for the good of each individual, his or her family and the country.

With COVID -19 taking centrestage, the lockdown which was necessary has affected people from all walks of life. While most of the people have accepted the seriousness of the pandemic, there are many exceptions too. No doubt this fight against the virus by the whole world has put a stamp on the history of the globe.

The Government has introduced quite a many relief schemes for the poor. A number of NGOs and private organisations are involved in the humanitarian service to help the needy. It is praiseworthy to see the magnanimity of people — so many Good Samaritans.

With all this in the background, some like-minded people in our circle are helping financially and emotionally all those who have served and are serving us.

We are also witness to the selfless service of so many frontline warriors, who need all our gratitude and support in their noble work. Let us offer our prayers to God to safeguard these Corona Warriors, who are risking their lives — the Police, Medicos, Paramedics, Government employees and others.

In this hour of crisis, will we see a silver lining in the form of some invention for the benefit of humanity?

— Shanti Ganapathy

Mysuru
10.4.2020

Woman power to the fore during a pandemic

Railways leads the campaign

Mysuru, Apr. 12- The total and unprecedented suspension of passenger services by the Indian Railways, for the first time in its history spanning over 165 years, stands as a testimony to the resolve and commitment of the world's fourth largest Railway system and the single largest State-owned employer to unitedly fight the scourge of Coronavirus which has affected almost the entire humanity.

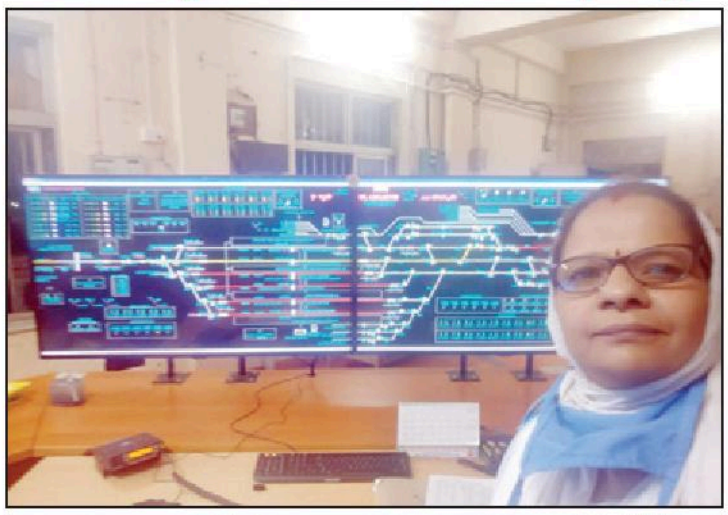
In this critical juncture, the behemoth Indian Railways has thrown its full weight behind the State by running hundreds of freight trains and parcel specials containing essential commodities like food grains, milk, fruits and vegetables, medicines, petroleum products, etc. to the nook and corner of the country to ensure that there are no disruptions in the supply chain so very essential in situations like this.

Indian Railways has assigned safety in train operations the biggest priority now as dislocations in through services due to accidents could badly cripple the system.

In this extraordinary situation, the Operations Department is playing a pivotal role in ensuring an accident-free record. The entire workforce is fully dedicated to this cause.

Nagamani Prasad, Station Superintendent at Mysuru Railway Station, is manning the cabin where the crux of operations within Mysuru Station yard lie, a task which requires an enormous amount of vigil.

"No job is so important and no service is so urgent that we cannot take time to perform our work safely," says Nagamani, who has over 27 years of experience in the Operations Departments, a male dominated domain for a very long time.



Stretched duty hours including strenuous night shift is challenging but had pride in donning a crucial role in times of crisis like what we are witnessing now, said Nagamani.

She says it is a team effort and everyone understands that the age old adage "The best safety device is a careful man" which never has been more appropriate as it is now. It is a matter of great honour to be part of the system which is in the forefront to mitigate the sufferings of people affected by COVID-19 pandemic, she quipped.

Her role as Station Master in placement of coaches in yard for modification as Isolation Wards gave her immense satisfaction as this was a very novel idea the Indian Railways have undertaken to meet any emergent situation anywhere in the country.

Reaching Station for night shift in a curfew-like environment in the city is a little worrisome but we have to put country first in these testing times, said the confident Station Master.

Indian Railways salutes her indomitable spirit in discharging her sacred duties and she is one of our 'Corona Warriors' in the frontline of the battle, says a press release from Priya Shetty, Divisional Commercial Manager and PRO, Mysuru Division.

Strict lockdown in areas around Jubilant Generics: Minister

Mysuru, Apr.12 (MTY&DM)- With more employees of Nanjangud's Jubilant Generics testing positive for novel Coronavirus, District Minister S.T. Somashekar said that a stricter lockdown is in place in areas around the Pharmaceutical Company, including Hebya and Someshwara villages.

Speaking to presspersons after holding a meeting with Legislators, ZP members and District-level Officers at the ZP Hall here yesterday, Somashekar said that with Hebya and Someshwara villages near Jubilant Generics found vulnerable to the deadly virus, the lockdown regulations have been tightened around the entire area of the Company.

Replying to question on whether Nanjangud town will be sealed off, the Minister said that a decision will be taken after consultations with local MLA B. Harshavardhan, Deputy Commissioner Abhiram G. Sankar, SP C.B. Ryshyanth and other officials concerned.

Earlier on Saturday, Minister Somashekar visited Jubilant Generics Pharmaceutical Plant at Nanjangud, the epicentre of Coronavirus spread in the district and took stock of the situation. The DC apprised the Minister of the quarantine measures and told him that 20 Security Guards of the Factory, who are secondary contacts of the virus infected, were under quarantine in the factory premises itself.

Assuring the officials that he would get all the help needed by the State Government for stopping the spread of the virus in the district, which has been declared as Red Zone, Somashekar said that he would always be available in the battle against the pandemic.

Later the Minister visited Devirammanahalli extension, which is under quarantine and enquired about the health of the people there. He directed the officials to take up fogging in all areas around the Factory, to paste Corona awareness stickers on all houses and to distribute hand sanitisers to the villagers.

Somashekar later visited Linganna Choultry in the town, where homeless and destitutes are sheltered. Enquiring about their health, the Minister asked the inmates to maintain social distancing.

He later visited Srikanteshwara temple in the town and offered prayers to the deity.

Abracadabra... Abracadabra...

By K.B. Ganapathy

Remembering Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj – 13

The great escape and predicament of priest Kashi !

[Continued from April 9]

At Mathura, Shivaji moved around in disguise with the help of a friendly Brahmin named Kashi. Shivaji shaved his head, removed his moustache and beard, smeared his face with ashes and put on the yellow robe as a religious mendicant. He had at his waist a begging bowl and in his hand a pilgrim's bamboo staff.

The bamboo staff had been hollowed out and Shivaji carried treasure inside this stick apparently to bribe whenever necessary. Shivaji then left his tired son behind with the Brahmin Kashi to protect him as his own son while Shivaji and his companions set out on a journey of hundreds of miles to Maratha country — Pune.

On his journey, he discovered that in every town and village the Mughal officials had announced rewards to those who helped in capturing Shivaji. In one village, he was actually captured on suspicion but after judging the Officer's character Shivaji with his usual acumen bribed him with some jewels and the Inspector allowed Shivaji to proceed. It was then Shivaji changed his direction of journey and headed to Banaras (Kashi), the most holy place of Hindus.

The Mughal spies came to know that Shivaji was in Banaras, but here too Shivaji bribed a Brahmin who was likely to be a Mughal informant and quietly left Banaras. At last, a few months later, Shivaji reached his kingdom where his mother Jijabai was still acting as Regent. She had heard of Shivaji's escape in August that year but nothing about his whereabouts, even after four months. It was on a December morning, a tired and weakened Shivaji in the guise of a mendicant appeared before his mother. The news of Shivaji's return spread like lightning over the Maratha country. There were festivities and celebrations with people pouring in to get

a glimpse of the King who had returned from captivity.

The Mughal Viceroy of the South, Raja Jai Singh, who stood guarantee for Shivaji's safe return from Mughal Court in Agra did not know how to react to Shivaji's return escaping from the Mughal prison. He knew Shivaji's imprisonment was a breach of the safe conduct he had promised to Shivaji, but he was worried about Aurangzeb's action in holding his son responsible for Shivaji's escape from the prison.

Unfortunately, Raja Jai Singh was also accused of his complicity in Shivaji's escape. There was fear and grief in the heart of Raja Jai Singh at the fag end of his long service to the Mughal Emperor.

Raja Jai Singh said, "There is no medicine against fate," and appeared to reconcile to his fate as he awaited words from the Emperor. Indeed soon it came. Raja Jai Singh was dismissed from his post as Viceroy and ordered to go to Agra and meet the Emperor. With shame and apprehension, Raja Jai Singh travelled slowly northward to Agra. Fate seemed kind to him that he died on the way and did not have to face the Emperor. His son Ram Singh also died of Plague in Assam where he was sent by Aurangzeb.

As mentioned earlier, Shivaji, to make his journey after escaping from the prison safe, had left his son in Mathura with a Brahmin named Kashi. Though Shivaji's companions from Agra had arrived in Raigad, Pune, the problem of getting his son seemed very serious because Mughal soldiers were still looking for him in Mathura. Here also, Shivaji used his cunning to mislead the Mughal officials. He announced that he had received intelligence of his son Sambhaji's death. He wept bitterly and ordered all his followers to go in for mourning. The Mughal agents were completely deceived by this show of sorrow and assumed that the news must be correct. The Mughal agents in Mathura gave up their search for Sambhaji.

Many days later, Shivaji sent his trusted officials with a letter to Brahmin Kashi at Mathura, pleading with him to bring Sambhaji to Raigad.

Accordingly, Kashi and Sambhaji, still disguised as a Brahmin boy, began their journey to Maratha country. Even when they thought that it would be a smooth passage for them to Raigad, at Ujjain they were confronted by a Mughal Police Officer who, looking at the demeanour of the young Brahmin boy, thought the boy was not priest Kashi's son. "Is he really your son ?" the Officer asked. Kashi said yes and told the Officer that they were returning after a pilgrimage to their village.

The Mughal Officer was not convinced and wanted to test the truth of the boy being his son. The Mughal Officer asked him, "If he is really your son, let me see you both eating out of the same plate." This indeed was an acid test for Brahmin priest Kashi because for a Brahmin to eat with a non-Brahmin (like Sambhaji) was a gross infringement of caste rules. Of course, this impure act could be atoned by expensive and wearisome penance. However, Kashi realised the Police Officer was watching his every expression and waiting for his instant answer. Intelligent Brahmin that he was, Kashi never showed for a moment his reluctance.

He and Sambhaji sat down to eat together from the same plate. Convinced by the proof of kinship, the Mughal Police released them and they reached Raigad without further difficulties.

[To be continued]

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10 Fever Clinics to start functioning in city from tomorrow

Mysuru, Apr.12 (MTY&DM)- As one more step in the testing of COVID-19 symptoms, the district health authorities will be starting 10 exclusive Fever Clinics in city which would function from tomorrow (April.13) .

DHO Dr. R. Venkatesh said that all Fever Clinics will function from Primary Health Centres (PHCs) located across the city including Bannimantap, Saraswathipuram, Kuvempunagar, Shantinagar, Eeranagere, Nachanahallipalya, J.P. Nagar, Makkala Koota in Krishnamurthypuram and Chamaraja Double Road. The clinics will be open from 9 am to 5 pm.

Patients' feedback

(Continued from page 1)

He said that all rooms in the COVID Hospital were well-maintained with clean toilets.

Another discharged patient said he was grateful to the doctors and other staff for their care risking their lives. Pointing out that all the doctors were friendly, he said that the food offered to them was good and hygienic and thanked all the staff for their moral support. Some other patients said that the facilities in the Hospital were excellent, with good ventilation. Stating that duty doctors had given their best of treatment, they said overall the Hospital had excellent medical services.

As several patients requested hot water for bathing, the Deputy Commissioner said that geyser has been installed at the Hospital now.

Milk booth, medical shop raided

Mysuru, Apr. 12 (PM&KS)- The officials of the Legal Metrology Department, who raided a milk booth and a medical store near the Mandi Market last evening, have seized eight packets (one litre each) of milk meant for free distribution from the milk booth and 25 bottles (60 ml each) of fake sanitisers from the medical store.

Department Assistant Controller K.M. Mahadevaswamy, said this morning that during the inspection of the milk booth, it was found that milk meant for free distribution was being sold. Hence a case was been booked by the Department besides lodging a complaint at Mandi Police Station.

Fake sanitisers

Mahadevaswamy along with Assistant Drug Controller Nagaraju, who also inspected a medical store near the milk booth, found the shop selling fake sanitiser bottles and seized 25 bottles of 60 ml each and has imposed a fine of Rs. 5,000.

Cops, Corona Warriors launch drive for strict social distancing at Vegetable Markets

Mysuru, Apr. 12 (RK&DM)- With people visiting the vegetable markets on M.G. Road and at Dasara Exhibition Grounds in the heart of the city, giving a go by to social distancing and other COVID-19 regulations despite several pleas and various awareness programmes, the Police, in association with Corona Warriors, launched a special drive this morning to ensure that both the sellers and the buyers compulsorily comply with all the lockdown regulations.

The Jurisdictional Nazarbad Police, led by Inspector G.N. Srikanth, along with about 20 local Corona Warriors, forced the people to stand in queues only at the marked boxes, thus maintaining social distance.

Also, all those not wearing face-masks were denied entry to the markets and all those with face masks were asked to compulsorily pass through the disinfectant tunnel installed at the entrance.

Former Mayor urges all citizens to follow lockdown guidelines

Ayub Khan

Mysuru, Apr. 12- Even as Corona cases are rising by the day in the district, former Mayor Ayub Khan has urged the citizens to follow lockdown guidelines strictly in order to stop the spread of COVID-19.

In a public appeal, Ayub Khan, regretting that people still continued to come out on to the streets under the pretext of buying vegetables, medicines and other essential items, especially in areas coming under NR Assembly segment, he urged the citizens to understand the seriousness of the situation and stay at homes.

Stressing on the need for staying indoors at this crucial hour, he said that it was important for everyone to stay safe and be healthy. Highlighting the need for wearing face-masks and use of sanitisers, he appealed the public to fully co-operate with the District Administration in the battle against the deadly Novel Coronavirus.

Emphasising on the need for maintaining social distance, he said that it was very important to understand that prevention is better than cure and as such, the citizens should follow lockdown regulations in its totality for the sake of their health.

Brisk sale of cloth masks at M.G. Road Vegetable Market

Two persons selling cloth face masks were seen making quick bucks at M.G. Road vegetable market this morning as face masks have been made mandatory for everyone entering the market to prevent the spread of Coronavirus. The mask sellers said that they were stitching the cloth masks at home and were selling it at Rs. 20 per mask at the entrance of the market.

Ration articles distributed to Mahouts at Dubare Elephant Camp

Kushalnagar, Apr. 12- The Forest Department distributed ration to over 60 Mahouts and Kavadis of Dubare Elephant camp near here on Saturday.

Speaking after distributing ration, Madikeri Sub-Division Conservator of Forests (CF) Prabhakar said that the families of Mahouts and Kavadis who live in tribal hamlets were facing a lot of difficulties due to the lockdown.

The Department, taking note of their plight, decided to distribute ration and essential items kits to them. Asking the Mahouts, Kavadis and their family members to stay at home in order to maintain their health in the wake of COVID-19, he highlighted the need for everyone to maintain social distance in order to be safe.

Somwarpet ACF Nehru, Virajpet ACF Dayanand, Kushalnagar RFO Ananyakumar, Dubare Sub-Division Forest Officer Ranjan and others were present.

Demand for chicken, fish goes up as mutton sellers stop selling sheep, goat meat citing loss

Mysuru, Apr. 12 (RKB&KS)- The demand for chicken meat and fish shot up today as most mutton traders in city stopped selling sheep and goat meat citing loss.

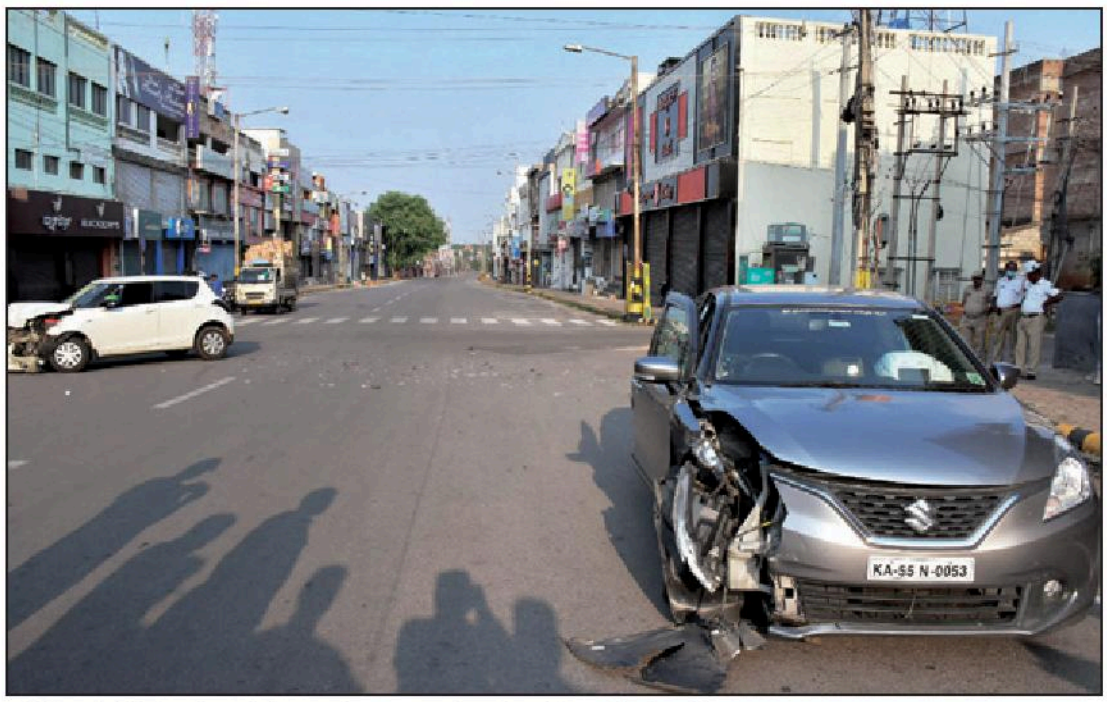
The Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) had fixed a price of Rs. 500 per kg of sheep and goat meat as the traders were found selling the same at exorbitant price. Chicken meat is being sold at Rs. 200 per kg today.

Long queues were found in front of shops selling chicken meat and fish at Gokulam 1st Stage, K.G. Koppal, Nanjumalige, Mandi Mohalla, Udayagiri, Tilaknagar, Kailaspuram and other localities in city. Customers were seen maintaining social distance while standing in queues in front of meat shops.

Shops selling sheep, goat and chicken meat have been permitted to sell the meat only on Tuesdays, Fridays and Sundays from 6 am to 6 pm.

Cars collide on deserted Devaraj Urs Road

Lucky escape for drivers, Police seize cars



Mysuru, Apr. 12 (YDS&KS)- Though almost all roads in the city wears a deserted look following lockdown, two cars collided on the deserted Devaraj Urs Road last evening resulting in both cars getting damaged. Luckily, two persons behind the wheels of the cars, have escaped miraculously without a scratch.

At about 4.14 pm yesterday, Gourav, a resident of Chamaraja Mohalla, who came from Dewan's Road in his Maruti Swift car (KA-05-MR-345), was taking a right turn to enter Devaraj Urs Road, when a speeding Maruti Baleno car (KA-55-N-0053), driven by one Chethan from K.R. Circle side, rammed into the Maruti Swift car.

Due to the impact, the front portion of both the cars was damaged. Both the cars have been seized and a case has been registered at Devaraja Traffic Police Station.

Senior citizen killed

A 72-year-old man was killed, when a speeding bike rammed into him on Vani Vilasa Road on Friday. The deceased has been identified as **Lingashetty** of Alanahalli. As the address of the deceased in the Ration Card was mentioned as Sunnadakeri, the deceased was on his way to Sunnadakeri to procure rations for April and May from the Fair Price Shop. As he was crossing the road to go to Sunnadakeri, a speeding Hero Honda bike, which came from Agrahara Circle side, rammed into Lingashetty, rendering him unconscious. K.R. Traffic Police, who rushed to the spot, was shifting Lingashetty to K.R. Hospital, but he breathed his last midway. A case has been registered against bike rider N. Sanjay at K.R. Traffic Police Station.

Four held for illegal transportation of liquor

Mysuru, Apr. 12 (YDS&KS) - In separate cases, the Excise Department officials have arrested four persons on charges of illegal transportation of liquor and have seized a car and two-wheelers besides seizing 23 litres liquor from them. The arrested are 30-year-old Subash, 60-year-old Shankaraiah, 38-year-old Anil Kumar and 59-year-old Mahadevu.

In the first case, the Excise Sub-Inspector of Mysuru Sub-Division conducted a checking of a bike (KA-55-W-6070), ridden by one Subash, near the Co-operative Fish Market Centre in Gayathripuram and found four 750 ml bottles of liquor. The Excise staff also found 14 bottles (750 ml each) at the house of one Shankaraiah and seized a total of 13.5 litres liquor besides arresting the two.

In the second case, the Excise Inspector, who was on his regular rounds on Sayyaji Rao Road, intercepted a Hyundai car (KA-55-M-2161), driven by one Anil Kumar and a scooter (KA-55-EA-2010), ridden by one Mahadevu and on inspection, the Inspector found 3 litres liquor and 7 litres beer bottles being transported in the two vehicles and seized the liquor, vehicles besides arresting the two. Excise Dy. Commissioner K.S. Murali and staff took part in the operation.

Elephant herd regales in Shimsha river near Maddur

Maddur (Mandya), Apr. 12- Even as the entire State is under COVID-19 lockdown, a herd of five elephants was found regaling at Shimsha river near the town on Friday morning, causing concern among the nearby villagers. The elephants, which are said to have come from the nearby forest, have reportedly destroyed Sugarcane, Paddy and Banana crops grown in fields along the river bed before entering the river.

Villagers of Shivapura and K. Kodihalli, who saw the herd of five elephants — Four male and one female — informed the matter to Maddur Police, who in turn alerted the Forest Department officials. The Forest officials, who rushed to the spot, took measures to ensure that the elephants stayed in the river till they were driven away.

Maddur Conservator of Forests Ratnakar said that the herd of pachyderms may have strayed from Kombinakallu Reserve Forest in Channapatna taluk of neighbouring Ramanagara district after passing through the ranges of Nidaghatta, Tailur and K. Kodihalli. The Department will take measures for driving the elephants back into their forest habitat by Friday night, he added.

Soon as the news of spotting of elephants at Shimsha river spread, residents of nearby villagers rushed to the spot to have a glimpse of the elephant herd regaling in the river. Maddur PSI Manjegowda, Forest officers Shailesh, Shashidhar, Ravi and others were present.

Pet dog killed by leopard

Mandya, Apr. 12 (Nagaiah)- A pet dog was killed by a leopard at Shettihalli in Melukote here late on Thursday night. Mallesh, a JD(S) leader of Shettihalli, had tied his pet dog (Robert species), valued at about Rs. 50,000, at his farmhouse on Thursday night, when the leopard attacked and killed it. The incident came to light on Friday morning, when the dog owner Mallesh reported the matter to the Forest Department.

Following complaints of increasing leopard attacks in the area, Melukote MLA C.S. Puttaraju met Pandavapura Tahsildar, who in turn directed the Forest Department officials to initiate action. Forest officials assured the villagers that traps will be placed at all spots where leopards move about.

Cases booked against 14 persons for violating prohibitory order

Mysuru, Apr. 12 (KS)- Udayagiri Police, on Apr. 9, have registered separate cases against 14 persons for violating prohibitory orders that has been imposed to control the spread of Coronavirus in city. Udayagiri Police, who were using drone cameras to check the violations on Apr. 9 afternoon, found a group of people crowding near a grocery shop next to Deepak Pawn Brokers shop on Mahadevapura Road and another group near Y.S. Traders despite prohibitory orders in force and also not maintaining social distance.

Following the violations, Udayagiri Police have voluntarily booked cases under IPC Sections 269, 270 and 188 against six persons and eight persons separately. City Police Commissioner Dr. Chandragupta has urged the public to follow the prohibitory orders and co-operate to prevent the spread of Coronavirus failing which legal action would be initiated against the violators, according to a press release.

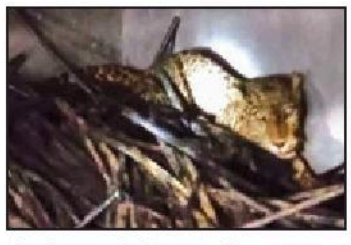
Two deers that strayed into village caught

Hunsur, Apr. 12 (Hanagodu Mahesh)- Two deers which had strayed into Ambedkar Colony at Hosur near Veeranahosahalli Forest Range in the taluk yesterday morning, were caught by the villagers after much efforts.

The deers which are said to have strayed into the colony from nearby forest were spotted at 8 am yesterday, following which the villagers caught them and tied them up.

Forest Officers Ravindra and Chandresh, who rushed to the spot ,took the deers into possession and took measures for letting off the deers into the forest. The officials have lauded the villagers for catching the deers alive at a time when they are hunted for meat.

Leopard trapped in house shed



Mandya, Apr. 12 (Nagaiah)- A Leopard, which had entered into the shed of a house in search of a prey at Manchanahalli in Malavalli taluk of Mandya district, was trapped by villagers late night on Thursday.

Villagers, who noticed the wild cat entering the house shed of one Srinivas, a Gram Panchayat Member, immediately locked the doors of the house, thus trapping the leopard. Forest Department officials, who rushed to the spot, caught the leopard, which is said to be two-year-old and later let it off into the forest, it is learnt.

'Corona Warriors' feed stray animals

The Youth Volunteers, appointed as 'Corona Warriors' by the Information and Public Relations Department, in association with Labour Department and Indian Red Cross Society, to check the spread of false rumours and messages regarding the deadly COVID-19, have now started feeding the stray dogs, cats and birds which have been starving due to lockdown. The volunteers are also involved in works like distributing food and medicines to the needy.

Snake rescuer and former Corporator Snake Shyam is now saving stray dogs from starving. As everyone are aware, due to lockdown stray dogs are left with no food to feed on and hence, the snake rescuer makes it a point to feed around 150 stray dogs near Sanatorium Circle, Vijayanagar, near Sunanda Factory and Vikrant Tyre and Bharat Cancer Hospital Ring Road Junction. Apart from this, he is also feeding birds at Sri Shivadatta Sai Mandir premises on KRS Road.

But, when we look at the bigger picture, I don't think people feed the dogs in their streets, everybody concentrated on the dogs who live in the main roads, so I took the initiative of going to interiors of Mysuru, that is Vijayanagar, Hebbal, Gokulam, Metagalli and Ring Roads."

"The negligence towards street dogs has been increasing since the lockdown was imposed, these dogs whose main survival depends on whatever left over they find on the roads. S.V. Vatsala, a young Architect of B.M. Shri Nagar, who launched a social media campaign called 'Mysuru stands with transgenders' distributing kits containing essential items, has always been a source of inspiration to me. She sparkled the thought of feeding dogs who live the interiors of the city in my mind. I took the initiative to feed almost 90 dogs everyday who were shivering and weak. We have started spreading happiness through this simple task. Street dogs and abandoned cows are most neglected during such pandemic," she added.

Thanisha Changappa, Architect and a resident of Vijayanagar 1st Stage, too has taken up the job of feeding several such stray dogs in the interiors of the city. "We are targeting 50-70 dogs everyday with eggs, rice, curd and Pedigree, expenditure coming up to Rs.300 per day," she said.

Talking about what made her take this voluntary work, she said: "The whole idea started with training five street dogs who live in front of our house, one is a recently rescued puppy who was handicapped, here all of us take turns in feeding them.

Coming together in fight against pandemic

Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda Swamiji of Avadhoota Datta Peetham handing over a cheque for Rs. 5 lakh to MLA S.A. Ramdas at the Ashrama premises in city towards PM CARES (Prime Minister's Citizens Assistance and Relief in Emergency Situations) Fund in fight against COVID-19 pandemic.

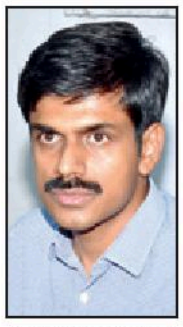
Bishop of Mysuru Most Rev. Dr. K.A. William handing over a cheque for Rs. 1 lakh to MLA Ramdas at St. Philomena's Church premises in city towards PM CARES Fund.

P. Moideen, President of Kerala Samajam, Mysuru, is seen handing over a cheque for Rs. 5 lakh to Mysuru Deputy Commissioner (DC) Abhiram G. Sankar at the DC's Office in city towards Chief Minister's Relief Fund.

DC warns against misuse of COIVD-19 donations

Mysuru, Apr. 12 (MK&DM)-Stating that several complaints of misuse have been received regarding COVID-19 donations, including in cash and kind, Deputy Commissioner Abhiram G. Sankar has warned organisations and individuals against misuse and misappropriation.

Speaking through Facebook Live, a Social Media Platform, Abhiram Sankar said that several associations, organisations and individuals have been engaged in distributing food, essential items and articles of daily use to the needy and the poor, following the COVID-19 lockdown. But there are complaints that some of them are misusing the donations and articles collected from citizens. Pointing out that such organisations which collect money from the public have to maintain proper accounts, he warned of action if charges of misuse of donations are proved.



Abhiram Sankar

Continuing, the DC said that his office has received several complaints about Fair Price Shops cheating the card holders in respect of weight of ration articles. He warned of registering a case against Fair Price Shops found indulging in unfair practices in order to make a quick buck.

Referring to complaints that several Hospitals, Nursing Homes and Clinics have remained shut despite orders from the Government to open, the DC cautioned that such Hospitals and Clinics have to be forcibly opened if they disobeyed the Government order to open.

He further said that all measures will be taken to contain the rising prices of essential commodities following the lockdown.

SP C.B. Ryshyanth said that more than 700 vehicles have been seized in the district for blatant violation of lockdown regulations and the seized vehicles will not be given back until the lockdown ends.

Warning of stern action against those found indulged in spreading fake news, the SP said that the public can go through the website: *http://factcheck.ksp.gov.in* for checking the veracity of news.

EMERGENCY PASSES

Pointing out that passes will be issued to only those in genuine need, the SP said that **those in need of emergency passes can send a message to 82779-54000.** He further said that pass-seekers must only send a message to the said mobile number and not call it. Based on the message received, the authorities will seek the required documents from the seekers for issuing passes, he pointed out.

COVID - 19 UPDATE

MYSURU

Persons observed till date	:	3,506
Persons isolated in home for 14 days	:	1,483
Persons isolated in hospital	:	39
Persons completed 14-day isolation	:	1,978
Total samples tested	:	781
Samples found negative	:	734
Total active positive cases	:	39
Persons cured / discharged	:	9
Death toll so far in Mysuru	:	0

KARNATAKA & INDIA

Total positive cases in Karnataka	:	226
Death toll so far in Karnataka	:	6
Total positive cases in India	:	8,476
Death toll so far in India	:	276

(NOTE: FIGURES TILL 2 PM)

COVID-19 District Emergency Control Room

The Mysuru District Emergency Control Room for COVID-19 (Coronavirus) is functional 24x7 and has a team of operators and medical professionals who are working in shifts. All related queries will be handled professionally and necessary guidance will be provided to all callers, according to Mysuru DC.

Mysuru Helpline numbers
1077 or 0821-2423800
Karnataka Helpline number: 104
Central Helpline number:
011-23978046
Email: ncov2019@gmail.com

WANTED
Residential site of area 10000 sq.ft and above in and around Vontikoppal/ V.V.Mohalla and Vijayanagar 1st Stage
Contact:-98800 00997

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: 96062-33433
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Ph: 0821-2547902
M: 94805-59879

More Mega Store N.S. Road
M: 81519-16000

More Supermarket Kalidasa Road
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M: 98448-20833

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99026-20309

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0821-4253607

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Aditya Medicals, Vijayanagar
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